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OF THE OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF

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Officers

Moderator

LYNN M. GRAY

Town Clerk

HELEN M. B. LANG

Selectmen

FREEMAN G. MARSHALL ALBION PARKHURST
JOHN R. JACKSON

Treasurer

HELEN M. B. LANG

Tax Collector

LYNN M. GRAY

Highway Agents

FRANCIS CHAPPLE GEORGE A. JACKSON
CLAYTON BENNETT LOVELL OAKES

Supervisors

HARRY LANG GEORGE A. JACKSON
ERNEST PILBRO

Trustees of Public Library

ELLSWORTH BUNNELL HARRIETT LANG

Librarian

HATTIE NOYES

Board of Health

ALPHEUS B. FRIZZELL

Surveyor of Wood and Lumber

LYNN PARKHURST

Auditors

HARRY LANG ERNEST PILBRO

Trustees of Public Funds

JOHN R. JACKSON ALLEN GRAY
ORVILLE L. TRASK

Warrant

To the inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, in the State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Tuesday the 13th day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk for the year ensuing.
2. To choose by ballot and major vote one Selectman for three years ensuing.
3. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Auditors for the year ensuing.
4. To choose by ballot and major vote, Library Trustees for the year next ensuing.
5. To choose by ballot and major vote one Trustee of Trust Funds for two years next ensuing.
6. To choose by ballot and major vote one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years next ensuing.
7. To choose by ballot and major vote a Tax Collector for the year ensuing.
8. To choose by ballot and major vote all other necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.
10. To raise such sums of money as necessary for the repairs of highways and bridges.

11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct its Selectmen to take such action regarding rolling, plowing or otherwise, in keeping winter roads open in said Town for the year ensuing, as in their judgment seems most conducive to the best interest of the Town, and appropriate money for the same.
12. To see if the Town will accept State Aid for construction of Class V roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purposes the sum of \$. ; and the State will contribute the sum of \$
13. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the upkeep of cemeteries.
14. To see what action the Town will take with reference to hiring the Colebrook Fire Department for the purpose of extinguishing of fires, in said Town, and in event of favorable action, to make the necessary appropriation for the same.
15. To see if the Town will vote to fix the price per day for the hiring of manual labor, teams and trucks for work on town roads.
16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur the debts for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes of the ensuing municipal year and to pay such debts out of the tax money when it is received.
17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's Deeds.
18. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of the town charges for the ensuing year.

19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct its Selectmen to purchase a truck or other equipment for the construction and maintenance of highways in said Town, and make appropriation for the same.
20. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of establishing a capital reserve fund to be used for (buying a road machine; repairing the town hall; installing a system of assessment maps and records; or for the construction of highway; for the purchase of road machinery; or the repair of town buildings, as the case may be.)
 - (a) To see if the Town will vote to ratify and confirm a vote taken at the Annual March Meeting 1944, whereby it raised the sum of Two Hundred (\$200.) Dollars, under Chap. 160 of Laws of 1943; An Act relative to a Capital Reserve Fund; and the same to be turned over to the Trustees of Trust Funds.
21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of Agents, Auditors, Selectmen, and all other officers and ratify and confirm the same.
22. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.
23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to apply on Town Indebtedness.

Given under our hand and seal, this 22nd day of February, A. D. 1945.

J. R. JACKSON
F. G. MARSHALL
Selectmen

A true copy: Attest:

J. R. JACKSON
F. G. MARSHALL
Selectmen

BUDGET

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the
 Ensuing Year January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945
 Compared with
 Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the Previous
 Year February 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1944	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1945
From State:		
Railroad Tax	\$ 75.51	70.00
Savings Bank Tax	45.67	50.00
For Fighting Forest Fires	13.38	150.00
Bounties	73.50	
From Local Sources Except Taxes:		
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	5.00	
Dog Licenses	77.40	
Filing Fees	4.00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	223.49	200.00
Sale of Town Property acquired by Tax Deeds—L. M. Gray	99.57	
Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes:		
Temporary Loan	10,000.00	10,000.00
Cash Surplus	2,252.00	
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:		
(a) Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.	452.00	
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	6.67	
Amount to be Raised by Property Taxes	\$ 18,632.08	

Purposes of Expenditures	Actual Estimated Expenditures	
	Previous Year 1944	Ensuing Year 1945
General Government:		
Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 874.00	
Town Officers' Expenses	633.73	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Bldgs.	47.00	
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Fire Department	140.83	300.00
Health:		
Vital Statistics	14.50	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Maintenance: Summer	1,598.98	2,000.00
Town Maintenance: Winter	4,165.99	4,500.00
Street Lighting	10.00	10.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	156.62	200.00
Town Road Aid	179.08	
Bounties	48.00	
Defense	24.20	
Libraries:	104.24	100.00
Public Welfare:		
Town Poor	437.40	1,200.00
Old Age Assistance	235.21	1,200.00
Public Service Enterprises:		
Cemeteries	48.00	150.00
Interest:		
On Temporary Loans	99.08	
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
County Taxes	2,223.30	2,839.61
Payments to School Districts	6,785.80	6,551.00

TAXES ASSESSED

County Tax	\$ 2,223.30	
Town Poor	1,200.00	
Highways and Bridges	2,000.00	
Winter Roads	4,500.00	
Class V Roads	179.08	
Cemeteries	100.00	
Fire Department	300.00	
Town Charges	1,200.00	
Cruising Timber Land	300.00	
Library	100.00	
School Tax	5,913.50	
Service Flag and Honor Roll	200.00	
Paym't. on Principal of Debt	500.00	
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		\$18,715.88
Less Estimated Revenue:		
Auto Permits	\$ 200.00	
Railroad Tax	70.00	
Savings Bank Tax	50.00	
Nat'l. Bk. Stock Taxes	6.67	326.67
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		\$18,389.21
Plus Overlay		688.87
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		\$19,078.08
Less Poll Taxes		446.00
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		\$18,632.08

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TOWN OF COLUMBIA

For 11 Months Ending December 31, 1944

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	\$ 4,415.20
Due from State:	
Bounties	48.00
Unredeemed Taxes: (from tax sale acct. of)	
(a) Levy of 1941	19.67
(b) Levy of 1942	91.22
(c) Levy of 1943	7.24
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1943	19.26
Taxes Bought by Town	99.57
Total Assets	\$ 4,700.16
Excess of Liabilities Over Assets	790.74
Total Liabilities	\$ 5,490.90

LIABILITIES

Due to School District, Dog Licenses	\$ 77.40
Due to School District, Appropriation	5,413.50
	\$ 5,490.90
Net Debt January 31, 1944	3,515.38
Net Debt December 31, 1944	790.74
	\$ 2,724.64
Money Appropriated for Honor Roll	200.00
Decrease in Debt	\$ 2,524.64

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

Electric Plants	\$ 68,970.00
Lands and Buildings	219,503.00
Growing Wood and Timber	136,918.00
103 Horses	15,675.00
4 Oxen	450.00
711 Cows	57,425.00
106 Neat Stock	6,360.00
2 Sheep	20.00
130 Fowls	130.00
7 Tractors	3,750.00
Gas Pumps and Tanks	400.00
Wood and Lumber	24,044.25
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Soldiers' Exemptions	\$533,645.25
	1,300.00
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Total Valuation, less Exemptions	\$532,345.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$ 5,000.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Libraries: Furniture and Equipment	1,000.00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	2,500.00
Schools, Lands and Buildings	24,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
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	\$ 39,500.00

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand, Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 2,252.20
F. Gordon Kimball, Forest Fires	2.93
F. Gordon Kimball, Bounties	73.50
Colebrook National Bank, Note	4,000.00
Aaron Bennett, Reimb. Hospital Bill	15.00
Ernest Pilbro, Filing for Supervisor	1.00
Harry F. Lang, Filing for Sueprvisor	1.00
Forest Products, Plowing snow at Columbia Bridge	5.00
Lynn M. Gray, Filing for Moderator	1.00
Alda Jackson, Filing for Supervisor	1.00
Colebrook National Bank, Note	6,000.00
Town of Colebrook, Drivers of State Plow	107.38
F. Gordon Kimball, Forestry Department	10.45
Wm. P. Newman, Reimb. Cilley Bank Bal.	69.21
Erwin Parkhurst, Rent Town Hall	5.00
Chester Marshall, Overrun on Town Hall Lights	1.44
F. Gordon Kimball, Ref. Unexpended T.R.A. Money	4.40
F. Gordon Kimball, R.R.Tax	75.51
F. Gordon Kimball, Savings Bank Tax	45.67
Helen M. B. Lang, Dog Licenses	77.40
Helen M. B. Lang, Auto Permits	223.49
L. M. Gray, Taxes for 1940	16.50
L. M. Gray, Taxes for 1943	648.29
L. M. Gray, Taxes for 1944	18,975.87
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	\$ 32,613.24

PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	\$ 874.00
Town Officers' Expenses	633.73
Winter Roads	4,165.99
Town Hall Expenses	47.00
Bounties	48.00
Fire Department	140.83
Vital Statistics	14.50
Town Maintenance	1,598.98
General Expense Highway Department	156.62
Libraries	104.24
Town Poor	437.40
Old Age Assistance	235.21
Schools	6,785.80
Cemeteries	48.00
Interest	99.08
Temporary Loans	10,000.00
County Tax	2,223.30
T. R. A.	179.08
Victory Tax	77.33
Town Garage	30.00
Auto Permit, Fees	30.75
Special Poll Taxes	234.00
Defense	24.20
Columbia Bridge	10.00
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	\$ 28,198.04

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

N. H. Assessors Dues	\$ 2.00
Lucy Stewart, Clerical Work	12.00
Essex County Herald, Printing	100.00
Albion Parkhurst, Postage and Telephone	4.73
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	13.25
Elsie M. Annis, Bonds	50.00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	7.45
Geo. A. Jackson, Concord Meeting	17.50
Ernest Pilbro, Concord Meeting	17.50
Brown & Saltmarsh, Supplies	39.50
Albion Parkhurst, Mileage, Stamps, & Tel.	5.24
Sentinel Pub. Co., Printing	18.25
Helen M. B. Lang, Concord Meeting	25.00
Charles R. Hardy, Clerks Assoc. Fee	2.00
Dickson's Pharmacy, Supplies	.65
Frank E. Marshall, Insurance	117.30
Frank E. Marshall, Insurance	25.32
Albion Parkhurst, Assessors Meeting	25.00
Helen M. B. Lang	38.00
Albion Parkhurst	3.04
F. G. Marshall	25.00
L. D. Ripley	85.00
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	\$ 633.73

TOWN MAINTENANCE

Geo. A. Jackson	\$ 230.93
Clayton Bennett	406.87
Francis Chapple	557.87
Lovell Oakes	403.31
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	\$ 1,598.98

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Ernest Pilbro, Auditor	\$ 3.00
Harry Lang, Auditor	3.00
Geo. A. Jackson, Supervisor	12.00
Lucy Stewart, Ballot Clerk	3.00
Marion Wells, Ballot Clerk	3.00
Lovell Oakes, Ballot Clerk	3.00
Curtis Noyes, Ballot Clerk	3.00
Lucy Stewart, Ballot Clerk	3.00
Marion Wells, Ballot Clerk	3.00
Lovell Oakes, Ballot Clerk	3.00
Curtis Noyes, Ballot Clerk	3.00
A. B. Frizzell, Health Officer	5.00
Geo. A. Jackson, Supervisor	42.00
Curtis Noyes, Ballot Clerk	3.00
Lucy Stewart, Ballot Clerk	3.00
John H. Marshall, Ballot Clerk	3.00
Lovell Oakes, Ballot Clerk	3.00
Ernest Pilbro, Supervisor	54.00
Lynn Parkhurst	5.00
Harry Lang, Supervisor	54.00
Helen M. B. Lang	105.00
Albion Parkhurst, Selectman	100.00
Lucy Stewart, Clerical Work	50.00
J. R. Jackson, Selectman	100.00
F. G. Marshall, Selectman	100.00
Lynn M. Gray, Tax Col., Dog Con., Moderator	145.00
Hattie Noyes, Librarian	60.00
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	\$ 874.00

WINTER ROADS

Total Amount Expended	\$ 4,165.99
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TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Total Amount Expended	\$ 47.00
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BOUNTIES

Albion Parkhurst	\$ 27.50
Harry Lang	5.00
J. R. Jackson	8.50
F. G. Marshall	7.00
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	\$ 48.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

State of N. H. Forestry	\$ 22.75
J. H. Marshall	5.65
Geo. A. Jackson	5.25
J. R. Jackson	5.25
Orville Trask	4.75
Colebrook Village Fire Department	81.50
Irving Blodgett	7.00
J. R. Jackson	8.68
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	\$ 140.83

VITAL STATISTICS

Helen M. B. Lang	\$ 14.50
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T. R. A.

Treasurer State of N. H.	\$ 179.08
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GENERAL EXPENSE HIGHWAY DEPT.

Total Amount	\$ 156.62
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TOWN POOR

Total Amount	\$ 437.40
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Treasurer State of N. H.	\$ 235.21
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CEMETERIES

Total Amount	\$ 48.00
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SCHOOLS

Marion Wells, Treas.	\$ 6,785.80
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INTEREST

Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank	\$ 99.08
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TEMPORARY LOANS

Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank	\$ 10,000.00
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COUNTY TAXES

William Weston	\$ 2,223.30
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VICTORY TAX

Helen M. B. Lang	\$ 77.33
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COLUMBIA BRIDGE

N. H. Electric Corp.	\$ 10.00
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AUTO PERMITS

Helen M. B. Lang, Fees	\$ 30.75
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LIBRARIES

Alda Jackson	\$ 4.24
Harriett Lang	100.00
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	\$ 104.24

TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN

L. M. Gray, Col.	99.57
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TOWN GARAGE

N. H. Electric Corp.	\$ 18.00
A. B. Frizzell	12.00
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	\$ 30.00

DEFENSE

Geo. L. O'Neil Post

\$ 24.20

SPECIAL POLL TAXES

F. Gordon Kimball

\$ 234.00

REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS, DEC. 31, 1944

Jan. 1, 1923 Miles W. Gray Trust Fund:

Amount of Principal	\$ 100.00
Rate of interest—2%	
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year	138.30
Income during year	2.77
Expended during year	None
Balance on hand at end of year	\$ 141.07

Mar. 27, 1933 Ellen Cleveland Trust Fund:

Amount of Principal	\$ 100.00
Rate of interest—2%	
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year	122.74
Income during year	2.45
Expended during year	None
Balance on hand at end of year	\$ 125.19

Aug. 29, 1935 Mrs. Warren Marshall Trust Fund:

Amount of Principal	\$ 75.00
Rate of interest—2%	
Balance of Income on hand at beginning of year	88.70
Income during year	1.77
Expended during year	None
Balance on hand at end of year	\$ 90.47

LIBRARY TRUSTEES' REPORT

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 100.45	
Received from Town Treasurer	100.00	
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		\$ 200.45
Payments		
Paid for books	\$ 122.20	
Paid for magazines	38.00	
Bank Service Charges	4.32	
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		\$ 164.52
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1945		<hr/> \$ 35.93
Total number of books purchased—97		

Harriette C. Lang
Ellsworth Bunnell
Alda Jackson

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

During the year 1944, I have recorded 4 marriages, 2 deaths and 19 births.

Licenses have been paid me on 43 dogs, amounting to \$77.40, after clerks fee was taken out. One of these dogs was licensed for 1943.

I have issued 123 Automobile Permits amounting to \$223.49

1 for 1943 amounting to	\$.63	
122 for 1944 amounting to	222.86	
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		\$ 223.49

These sums have been paid to the Town Treasurer.

HELEN M. B. LANG
Town Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 2,252.20
Received from all sources	30,361.04
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Total receipts to date	32,613.24
Less Selectmen's orders drawn	28,198.04
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Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 4,415.20

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Levy of 1944:

Property Tax	\$ 18,626.75	
Poll Taxes, Regular—\$2.00	452.00	
Poll Taxes, Special—\$3.00	696.00	
Added Tax	20.00	
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		\$ 19,794.75
Paid Treasurer	\$ 18,975.87	
Paid Treasurer Jan. Land Sales 1945	99.57	
Uncollected	572.81	
Abatements	146.50	
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		\$ 19,794.75

Levy of 1943:

Redeemed land sales	\$ 210.71
Paid Treasurer	437.58
Uncollected	19.26

Unredeemed Taxes from Tax Sales on Account of Leavies of:

	1944	1943	1942	1941
Charlie Parker	\$41.36		17.86	18.17
O. G. Kelsea	21.92			
B. H. Kelsea	36.29			
Milton Adair		7.24		
Richard Wainwright, Est.			73.36	1.50

I hereby certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer as of February 1, 1945 on account of the tax levy of 1944 is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LYNN M. GRAY,

Tax Collector

LIBRARY REPORT

Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1944	\$ 3.36
Received from fines and subscriptions	3.25
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	6.61
Paid for postage and supplies	.72
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Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1945	\$ 5.89
Number of books discarded—276	
Circulation for 1944—1906	

HATTIE A. NOYES

Librarian

AUDITORS' REPORT

February 14, 1945

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk and Selectmen and find them to be correctly computed and accounted for.

HARRY LANG
ERNEST A. PILBRO

Auditors of Columbia

ANOTHER ENEMY TO CONQUER

Here is a home front fight that everyone can get into. Last year in this State 558 brush and forest fires burned over 4,648 acres of land, of which 2,788 acres were valuable timber and young growth. With available manpower the lowest of any year since the war started, you can help to keep this loss down by preventing these fires from starting.

Keep in mind these simple rules:

1. Always get a permit from your forest fire warden before starting any fires in the open. Burning under certain conditions is permitted.
2. Never burn unless you have enough help to control your fire—a permit does not excuse you of negligence in case it gets away.
3. Always report any uncontrolled fire promptly to your forest fire warden. Minutes lost are acres lost.
4. Be especially careful with cigarettes, matches and pipes. Smokers caused most of our fires.
5. Never leave a fire unless it is dead out. You can't feel safe while there is a spark left.

KEEP NEW HAMPSHIRE GREEN